

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research 1400 Tenth Street Sacramento, CA 95814 FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation

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PROJECT TITLE: Gravel Bar Scotch Broom Removal

LOCATION: Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Park

COUNTY: Del Norte

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Remove Scotch broom (*Cytisus scoparius*), and other exotic plants from the Walker Road, Templeman Grove, and Society Hole gravel bars in Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Park to restore the integrity of the gravel bars along the Smith River.

Work will excavate up to 24 inches using hand tools to remove exotic plants in an area approximately 5 acres in size. When other exotic plants are encountered within the project area during the Scotch broom removal they will be mapped and removed. All removed vegetation will be piled and burned or transported to an appropriate dumping area to be composted or burned at a later date.

DPR-approved standard project requirements have been incorporated into the Gravel Bar Scotch Broom Removal. A list of project-specific project requirements can be viewed by contacting the environmental coordinator listed below.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: North Coast Redwoods District

EXEMPT STATUS:

	Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))
	Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))
	Statutory Exemption (Section)
X	Categorical Exemption

Class: 4 Section: 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of minor alterations in the condition of land and vegetation that do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees; included as "resource management projects" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR § 15300.4.

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